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COUNCIL GOES BEHIND CLOSE DOORS TO DISCUSS TWO OF TOWN'S EMPLOYEES

New Brockton citizen lodges complaint against police officer

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

In recent meetings of the New Brockton Town Council, members have spent almost as much time in executive session as regular session. Monday evening's meeting was no exception!

After moving slowly through an 18 item agenda, the council went behind closed doors to discuss "the good name and character" of two city employees.

After hearing accusations against police officer Harry Laird by Nancy Camley, the council voted to go into executive session.

Making the motion to do so was Councilman Jack Caradine. He also included in his motion that Jerome Moore, an employee with the street department, be discussed also. There was no reason given for the inclusion of Moore in the discussion.

Camley, in addressing the council, stated that Officer Laird, on two separate occasions, entered her home without her knowledge and without a search warrant. She said that all of her doors and windows were securely locked at the time.

"It disturbs me greatly," said Camley. "What disturbs me even more greatly is the fact that he [Laird] has questioned my two minor children without a juvenile officer being present."

"He has asked them personal questions like - Where do I buy my groceries? How much do I spend on my groceries? Whom do I date?"

Camley also alleged that Laird had reported her to the Department of Human Resources (DHR) as having an unfit and unhealthy house.

She said that the DHR investigated and listed it as unfounded claims.

Camley told council members that she did not like being harassed by Officer Laird, any other police officer or the City of New Brockton.

During her address to the council, she alluded to other individuals who allegedly has had problems with Patrolman Laird.

"I'm telling you now - I'm not happy about being harassed," said Camley. "My civil rights have been violated and I expect ya'll to do something about it!"

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Nancy Camley

Mayor Kathryn Holley asked, "Officer Laird, do you agree with the statements that were made?"

"No! All of her so called allegations are totally unfounded," answered Laird. "And I deny any of them and all of them."

At this point in the meeting is when Caradine made his motion that the council go into executive session.

After meeting behind closed doors for approximately 45 minutes, the council reappeared.

Mayor Holley asked if there was a motion from the council on the status of Officer Laird.

Councilman Caradine made a motion, with a second from Lewis, that Officer Laird be dismissed. The vote on the motion was a tie. Caradine, Lewis, and Cole voted in favor while Holley, Miles, and Marler cast nay votes.

In the matter concerning Moore

(whatever it was), a motion by Marler that he be fired died for the lack of a second.

The council voted to have the allegations made by Camley against Laird thoroughly investigated.

One citizen suggested that the Alabama Bureau of Investigation handle the investigation.

When the Mayor recommended the District Attorney's Office, Penny Wright, Camley's mother, who was at the meeting, objected stating that the Mayor's husband works with the DA's Office.

Joe Sawyer, the town's attorney, was instructed to enlist the proper authorities to investigate the matter.

In approving the minutes of the July 18th meeting of the council, Councilman Charles Cole offered an amendment to the motion.

Cole moved that the appointments made by Mayor Holley be null and void. Holley had made changes in council members coordinating activities between the council and the town's different departments.

He also asked in his motion that the accusations made by Mayor Holley against Police Chief Charles Driggers be deleted from the minutes.

After several minutes of discussion, the council voted 3-2-1 in favor of Cole's motion. Voting for were Cole, Caradine, and Roseann Lewis. Casting nay votes were Holley and Robert Miles. Councilman Clinton Marler abstained.

Turning to other matters, Councilman Miles read a letter from police officer David Kurpa requesting a leave of absence from July 20 until October 3.

He stated as his reason for the leave as being flood damage and oth-

er personal problems. Also, he stated in the request that should all the time not be necessary he would return to work sooner than Oct. 3rd.

Miles reminded members of the council that Kurpa had "walked out" immediately following the July 18th council meeting.

"As far as I'm concerned, once a man walks off the job - he's through!"
Councilman Miles

"I don't think a policeman can get mad, walk off the job, come in eleven days later and request leave," said Miles. "As far as I'm concerned, once a man walks off the job - he's through."

Councilman Cole reminded council members that other officers had left and came back.

In response, Kurpa who was in attendance at Monday's meeting, stated that he thought Officer Laird's conduct was going to be brought up at the last council meeting. When it was not, he became fed up and left.

Kurpa alleged that Laird had broken laws, tried to out run himself and a deputy sheriff, and had taken a coke from the Big/Little without paying for it.

When asked by Councilman



NEW POLICE CARS...New Brockton Police Chief Charles Driggers is shown above with two new police cars which were placed into service this week. The cars are 1994 Chevrolets specially equipped with "police packages." One of the best-of-three police cars presently in service will be kept as a backup unit for the department.

Miles why Laird was not given a ticket and/or why the matter was not brought before the council, Kurpa responded, "It would never be brought before the council because of the mayor right there (pointing to Mayor Holley)."

Officer Kurpa was granted his request by the council.

Chief Driggers, in his report to the council reported that officers had

made 16 arrests and answered 13 complaints during the month of July. The arrests ranged from public intoxication to felony escape.

He told council members that there had been three (3) shooting incidents in New Brockton and that they were presently under investigation.

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OFFERS NO SOLUTION

City of Elba facing financial crisis

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

When the open meeting resumed, Mayor Ricky Haywood explained to council members just how bad he considered the problem to be.

The mayor reminded council members that the W & E Board bailed out the city about this time last year but, "The Water and Electric doesn't have the money to transfer to us this time."

He did say the city should have enough cash to make payroll this Friday.

Charts estimating revenues and expenses for the four months of July, August, September and October had been prepared by bookkeeper Murry Hardwick and were reviewed by council members. The charts show the city with a \$199,894.50 shortfall of operating income. These numbers were compiled in late June. They do not reflect any cost or federal revenue from the July flooding which

resulted in Coffee County being declared a disaster area by President Clinton.

Haywood reminded council members he had proposed the 1¢ sales tax almost a year before it was enacted; had proposed reverting back to a city court system and had talked about a city owned cable TV system. He noted none of those were quick-fix proposals and neither the city court nor the cable system materialized. Haywood said he was not there to criticize anyone, but to discuss the problem and possible solutions.

"I hope you have some ideas we have not thought about," the mayor added.

The balance of the meeting was spent in informal discussion with a council member at either elbow, long lapses of silence and occasional questions to Hardwick about some facet of city income or expense.



DRUG AWARENESS DAY...Monday morning, Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood signed a proclamation proclaiming Friday, August 5, 1994, as Drug Awareness Day in the City of Elba. The proclamation states that drug abuse is a local as well as nationwide issue, and we must become aware of the problem before we can take steps to solve it. The citizens of Elba want to address the issue of drugs in our community and take a stand against drug and substance abuse. Elba's Housing Authority promises to do its part in eradicating drugs in the City of Elba. Pictured above are those taking part in signing of the proclamation. They are: Seated (l-r) Donna Boswell, Mayor Haywood, and Pam Bedsole, executive director of the Elba Housing Authority; Front row standing - Nicki McDonald, McCall, Vince Lawford, Ralph Bradley, Gerald Tucker, and Percy Dyess. Drug awareness activities are planned for Friday and will take place on the square in downtown Elba.

McCammon seeking District Judgeship

Lloyd McCammon, an Enterprise attorney, announces his candidacy as a Republican for the Office of District Judge for Coffee County in the General Election this November. The 48-year old McCammon, a veteran of two tours of combat in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot, is a retired lieutenant colonel with 23 years of service as an enlisted soldier, warrant officer, and combat arms officer in the U.S. Army. He came to the Wiregrass over 27 years ago and has called Enterprise home for the last 19 years.

McCammon says that the central thrust of his campaign is to offer the voters of Coffee County a distinctly recognizable candidate for judicial office. He says that it is his sensing that in past elections many voters have perceived attorney-candidates for the bench as being of the same mold—often with little experience at anything but being an attorney—they all came in the same flavor, just different sizes.

McCammon emphatically states: "I am a conservative. I am not without compassion for others. I am seeking election to public office for the first time, and I am doing so as a Republican because I believe that the Party represents my basic values and the basic values to which the 'si-



LLOYD MCCAMMON

lent majority" subscribes. I refuse to drink from the "trough of campaign traditionalism", the practice of which has become very pervasive in local and state politics. I come to the voters as what I am, with no deception as being of the opposing party because it's safe, since that is how the voters have traditionally aligned.

I believe folks are tired of candidates and power brokers telling them, the voters, what party they are expected to vote." He further declares: "I am

not riding anyone's coattail, I am one's lackey or political crony, and I am not, nor do I aspire to be, a member of any power clique. I have the same dreams and goals that most people with humble beginnings have—the opportunity to succeed and not be intruded upon by others, be they obvious ill-doers or cloaked with authority."

McCammon outlines his campaign issues to the District Court in simple terms: "Juvenile crime must be sternly dealt with by the Court; schools must be returned to the teachers; not controlled by gangs and bullies; parents must be held responsible for the support and discipline of their minor children; drug dealers and violent offenders must be taken off the streets; and victims of crime must be compensated. All actions of the Court must be fair and impartial. Personal vindictiveness has no place in the Judicial System. Constitutionally sound law, tempered by common sense and human decency, must prevail in the Court's judgments."

The Republican candidate believes that the most important aspect of the District Court, as it is currently structured, is the Juvenile Court function. When McCammon addresses the ever growing issue of over-population in the juvenile diversion and detention facilities he states, "The Court will necessarily have to pursue alternative solutions to accommodating juveniles with unacceptable behavior patterns." Further, he goes on, "a strong county coalition consisting of laypersons and professionals, is needed to address the problems presented to the county by those young people who have behavior problems and are void of respect for others and their property. Statutes provide for such a forum."

The legislature created the Juvenile Probation Office as an office of the Juvenile Court to facilitate the intake, disposition and monitoring of those minors brought before the Court." Speaking with the directness indicative of his background, Mr. McCammon goes on, "The District Judge is responsible for the office's activities, and must provide the leadership to insure fair and impartial treatment of those who come in contact with the Court."

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* * HAPPENINGS * *

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION. Elba Elementary School will have kindergarten orientation Friday, August 19, from 3 to 4 p.m. at the elementary school. All kindergarten students and parents should attend. They will meet the kindergarten teachers, go to their classrooms, and receive information about the opening week of school. Parents are encouraged to bring their child's kindergarten supplies and money for lunch and juice. This will make the first day of school easier for the kindergarten students, parents, and teachers.

FLOOD VICTIM ASSISTANCE. The Salvation Army of Coffee County will distribute personal health care items to flood victims and those affected by the flood. The items were donated to this area through the United Way "Gifts In Kind Program." For more information call or go by the Human Resource Development Corporation in Elba at 897-2667, or Enterprise at 347-0881, or Kinston at 665-3411 or New Brockton City Hall at 894-5550. Hours for all locations will be 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Tommy Eagles, age 45, dropped dead of a heart attack last week while shooting basketball. The former Auburn basketball coach, in apparent good health, was with some former players and he just dropped over, it was active, worked out, etc. but that didn't protect him from the ravages of an enlarged heart. With problems such as he had, exercise ain't the magic cure-all.

Jimmy Baker, former Coffee County Superintendent of Education, has been named state coordinator for the Fob James campaign for governor. When Baker left Coffee County, he went to the state department of education. He is now an investment banker. Already stories are flying that Fob, who advocates an appointed state superintendent, wants to name Baker to that position. Baker doesn't get along well with legislators and we doubt this latest action will make Fob any friends with these folks.

The presidency of Enterprise Junior College is right in the middle of a federal discrimination lawsuit. This is nothing the folks in Enterprise have done. It is just that the lawsuit was filed statewide dealing with promotion practices and the president at ESIC decided to resign. Judge Thompson said last week there could be no new president appointed in Enterprise until the lawsuit is settled. That suit has several fingers and we thought that part had been settled, but apparently not. Anyway they must wait. It is doubtful the college will close down over this, nor will it change our plans, 'cause we were not expecting to even be offered the job!

Major General Dave Robinson retired as commander at Ft. Rucker last week. This was one nice guy. He was easy to talk with and just loaded with common sense. Robinson had been at Rucker only since 1991, but will be missed throughout the Wiregrass.

Washington types are amazed when the public is skeptical of the universal health insurance proposals which will be better for all of us. Look at the man's comp insurance. Our little enterprise is a prime example of government help which is unfathomable. Prior to the '80s, the Florida part of our workman's comp was costing us a little over \$400 per year. After the better laws were passed, this bill jumped to over \$2800 per year, a 700% increase... and we have never, ever had a claim filed! If there is room for risk category like constructions or something... that bill would be too high for us to survive.

That was a tragic killing in Pensacola last Friday. The killing of two people with a shotgun blast in front of an abortion clinic can't be justified. Enough is enough. Americans cherish and defend the rights of everyone to have and voice differing opinions but that doesn't include the right to kill someone who has opposite views. Opposition to abortion, nor anything else, would ever give Mr. Paul Hill the right to gun down those two people. That holds true for all of us.

The whole Presbyterian ministry should not be condemned for the actions of this defrocked preacher, just as the whole Catholic faith shouldn't be blamed for the words of defrocked Priest David Troch. You know Troch, he is the guy in Mobile who advocates killing of any doctor who performs abortions. The scary thing about the trash folks like Troch spit out is that some minds can be easily led to do terrible things, just as Hill is the blame for these last two killings. In fact there should be a law somewhere that would punish him for his mouthing off and advocating more killings, before and after last Friday.

The City of Elba governing body seems to be hoping the financial problems they are facing will just go away, but it's gonna happen. It is obvious that someone in the group must take a leadership position on this matter. It will not be easy and will require a close detailed look at every stage of Elba city government. This lead individual must concentrate on getting Elba over the cash deficit problem of today and making sure the things which are causing the problems are corrected. These officials who are not acting as the bell cow must be willing to follow and actively support a recovery effort. Ideas abound throughout the community on what needs to be done, some of these are good, others may not so good. It will probably take a combination of "fixes" to get Elba city government over the hump and moving forward again. We urge some (any) elected Elba official to accept this leadership position and receive the justified endorsement from the people who must pay the inevitable bills.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the period of July 26, 1994 through August 1, 1994:

They were: Roderick Rider, Reda Thompson, Claudine Kelley, Gwendolyn Rayborn, Subina Richardson, Gertrude Parker, Gladys Ogburn, Frances L. Chandler, Jimmie Duncan, Alto Rushing, Brenda Sanders, Mannah Miller, Linda Hooks, Jeanette Tice, Lucille Armstrong, and Jipson Mauldin.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Wilbur Davis, Lucille Armstrong, Ida Mae Hooks, Amanda Hattaway, Annie Danford, Mila Boswell, Jipson Mauldin, Frankie Taylor, Christina Sanders, Timothy Chandler, and Albert Grimes.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

JULY 26 Thru AUGUST 1, 1994

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, July 26, 1994, investigated the following incidents:

one theft, one VPL, one vehicle damage, four harassments, one criminal mischief, two disorderly conducts, and one harassing communication.

Traffic citations issued for the week were as follows: one for improper tag, two for illegally parking in a handicap zone, one for speeding, three for reckless driving, one for improper passing, one for expired tag, and one for no driver's license.

The following arrests were made: one for VPL, one for theft, one for harassment, and two for disorderly conduct.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

TUESDAY, JULY 26 - River stage 9.65 feet (6:30 a.m.); Minor wreck on the Troy Highway (10:01 a.m.); Alarm at the National Guard Armory (3:42 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Claxton Ave. (3:42 p.m.); Alarm at Kleiner's (3:42 p.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (7:15 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27 - River stage 9.65 feet (6:25 a.m.); Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (2:00 p.m.); Fight (subject armed with a pistol) on Reynolds St. (3:35 p.m.); Alarm at Williams St. (7:41 p.m.); Rescue run Brunson Circle (11:48 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JULY 28 - River stage 13.40 (6:23 a.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (7:06 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Lee St. (8:40 a.m.); Minor wreck at the Post Office (10:33 a.m.); Alarm at the Peoples Bank (5:07 p.m.); Disturbance on Williams St. (5:50 p.m.); Disturbance on Buford St. (6:35 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JULY 29 - River stage 15.75 feet (6:24 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Lee St. 911:20 a.m.; Rescue run from Elba General Hospital to a residence (11:00 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Winston St. (2:08 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Williams St. (3:25 p.m.); Disturbance in Kennedy (5:59 p.m.); Disturbance on Reynolds St. (7:15 p.m.).

MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

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ELBA MINISTERS ASSN - Tues. 8:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mondays - 6:15 p.m. - City Hall
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon. - 5:15 p.m. - City Hall (After City Council meeting)
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. - 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building
MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month - 7 p.m.
BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 Noon - New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
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COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN 3rd Wed. Noon - Coffey Inn, Enterprise
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FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman
Terry Everett



Clinton Health Care Tactics Called into Question

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\$1.9 million project to target environmental problems in Northeast Yellow River Watershed

Officials from the Covington, Crenshaw, and Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Covington, Crenshaw, and Coffee County Commissions, and Soil Conservation Service signed a Watershed Work Plan Agreement and Environmental Assessment for the Northeast Yellow River project June 30 at Frank Jackson Lake in Opp, Alabama. This project is authorized under Public Law 83-566, the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Mr. Cox,

On Wednesday, July 6, 1994, I was helping my mother evacuate her home due to the rising flood water. During this time, I fell and broke my right leg and ankle, as well as severely spraining my left ankle. The Elba Rescue Squad was notified and responded immediately.

This was my first experience with our rescue squad. I must say that I cannot remember ever being so happy and relieved to see a group of people.

I know some of the squad members and others I did not know. However, they all treated me as if they had known me all of my life, with the utmost care and medical professionalism.

I was transported by the rescue squad to Elba General Hospital, where I also received immediate care from the emergency staff and Dr. Cochran. I could not have asked for any better care than that I received from the hospital staff and Dr. Cochran.

Social Notes



Miss Knighten and Mr. Bozeman to wed Saturday, September 3rd

Bobby and Charlotte Knighten, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sutley, and Mr. and Mrs. John Bozeman announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Christian Hope Knighten to Joey Michael Bozeman.

The bride-elect is the daughter of the late Shirley Williamson Thompson. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. James Anguish Williamson and the late Mr. Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Cecil Thompson and the late Bertha Till Thompson, all of Greenville.

She is a graduate of Greenville High School and a graduate of Troy State University in Troy. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She is presently attending Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Dr. and Mrs. Emmett Treadwell Brunson and Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Jones, all of Samson.

He is a graduate of Enterprise High School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Recreation from Troy State University. He is employed by the Scott County Family YMCA in Davenport, Iowa.

The wedding will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 3, 1994 at 7:30 in the evening. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony in the church fellowship hall.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.



Miss Knighten & Mr. Bozeman

Class of '84 to have class reunion

The Elba High School Class of 1984 is planning a 40-year reunion for October 7, 1994.

A group of local class members are currently in search of addresses for classmates that may have relocated over the years.

If you have an address of Robert Jernigan, Sara Faye Lewis, Lanola Bragg, Felix Coon, Lamar Knotts, John Dan Lowery, Wyline Rogers, or Virginia Strickland, please call 897-6918, or write Barbara G. Hudson, 717 W. Davis Street, Elba, AL 36523.



Doug & Glenda Williams

Williams attends Dallas Seminar

Glenda Williams, Independent Beauty Consultant, and husband, Douglas, have just returned from attending the Emerald Seminar of Mary Kay Cosmetics, Dallas, Texas. The Emerald Seminar is one of four seminars held during July 18-30. There were 9,500 people present at the Emerald Seminar, which took place July 24-27.

The Williams' attended recognition banquets, training classes, and heard company officials speak and debut new products. At the unit banquet, Mrs. Williams received an award for being number two in unit sales for the year.

Mary Kay Cosmetics is a Fortune 500 Company, and is recognized as one of the best career opportunities available for women today. It has built a sales force of 325,000, and predictions are for the force to double by the year 2000. Many on the force are driving complimentary Cadillacs and other cars.

Highlight of the trip was seeing founder, Mary Kay Ash, and hearing her encourage everyone to put God first, family second, and career third and always abide by the Golden Rule.

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Miss Thompson & Mr. Brunson to wed September 24th

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Claude Thompson II of Forest Home announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of his daughter, Rachael Lynn, to Eric Thomas Brunson, son of Mrs. Emmett Thomas Brunson and the late Dr. Emmett Thomas Brunson of Enterprise.

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The wedding will take place at 3:00 p.m. on September 24, 1994, at the First Baptist Church in Greenville. A reception will be held following the ceremony in the church fellowship hall.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Miss Thompson

Class of '84 making plans for 10 year reunion

Damascus School Reunion planned for August 13th

The annual Damascus School Reunion will be held Saturday, August 13, 1994 at the Coffee County Farm Center Community Room. This is a covered dish event and will be from 10:00 a.m. until, in New Brockton, AL.

The Elba High School Class of 1984 is organizing its ten year reunion. Any member of the class who hasn't received information concerning the reunion should write: Class of 1984 Reunion Committee, 954 Sunset Blvd., Elba, Alabama 36523 or call 897-5926.

Attorney Gareth A. and Marie Lindsey request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Lisa Jo to Mr. John Decester McElching on Saturday, the sixth of August Nineteen Hundred and ninety-four at four o'clock in the afternoon Elba United Methodist Church Elba, Alabama

Reception following the ceremony at the home of the bride 1598 Highland Drive Elba, Alabama

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Lee Pitts Spooner to be at Westside Baptist Church

Mrs. Lee Pitts Spooner, speaker, singer and ventriloquist, will be sharing with her buddy, "Nicky the Talking Tree", this week-end at Westside Baptist Church.

Rev. Donnie Marler, pastor of Westside Baptist Church, will lead a rally on Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. as well as Sunday morning and evening services, at 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Lee has shared in over 1,000 churches in the past 9 years across America.

The pastor and people of Westside Baptist Church extend a cordial invitation to everyone in the Elba area to attend.

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Miss Mills honored with miscellaneous bridal shower

A miscellaneous shower honoring Miss Jennifer Mills, bride-elect of Tim Sullivan, was held Saturday afternoon, July 23, 1994, in the fellowship hall of Whitewater Baptist Church.

A wreath of greenery and white wedding bells

Coffee Count JOBS Program at the Dept. of Human Resources ranked #1

The Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Program at the Department of Human Resources has been ranked #1 in the State of Alabama. The ranking is based on submitted statistics for the month of May 1994. Rankings are based on a number of factors including the average Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) caseload for the county, the number of those who are mandatory participants in the education and work training program, the number actively involved in JOBS components, total deferred clients, total sanctioned clients and those who

Angela G. Hughes - County Agent

There are many different uses for ceramic tile

Today's Ceramic Tile

Once popular for bathtubs and shower stalls, ceramic tile has moved out of the bathroom into virtually every room in the house. It's the only surface material equally adaptable to floors, walls, tubs, showers, and countertops. Ceramic tile is available in an infinite variety of colors, textures and patterns, and can be a beautiful design solution for any room in the house. Consumers can choose from a wide assortment of sizes, colors, shapes and patterns. Offerings include squares, hexagons, octagons, and curved-corner pieces. Raised surfaces, finishes that mimic everything from granite to marble to wood, fabric-inspired designs, mosaic tiles and hand-painted motifs satisfy the design requirements of any decorating scheme. White and light-reflecting high gloss tiles can brighten dull spaces, while matte and irregular surfaces can help tone

down brightly-lit spaces. Ceramic tile is a non-absorbent, sanitary surface that will not retain fumes, chemicals or moisture. It is one of the few materials that can stand up to repeated moisture, steam, sunlight, and heat without fading, peeling, or staining. Mildew can be held at bay by installing the tile with one of the new, specially treated silicone or epoxy grouts. Once available in white only, these grouts now come in a stunning range of colors, which further adds to the decorative possibilities of tile.

To keep tile clean and free of hard water deposits, soap scum, rust stains and discolorations from mold, use an all purpose cleaner or a tub and tile cleaner. If mildew has formed use a brush to apply the cleaner to the surface. A solution of 3/4 cup of liquid bleach and one gallon of water or a special mildew stain remover helps in cleaning a badly

stained or mildewed group. Consumers should avoid mixing products containing chlorine bleach with products containing ammonia or acids. After any cleaner is applied, the surface should be rinsed with clean water. As the final step, the tiles should be buffed with a dry cloth to prevent water spotting.

Removing Rust Stains

Ever noticed reddish-brown stains on your clothes after they have been laundered? These stains are probably caused by iron or rust in the water or pipes. Rust stains can also be caused by rusty metal zippers, hangers, buckles and snaps. Another source can be the inside of the washer or dryer if the finish has been scratched or damaged.

Never use bleach to remove rust stains-it can intensify the discoloration. Use a rust-removing agent to do this job. Rust removers can be purchased in grocery, discount, variety and drug stores. Follow the label directions carefully.

To combat rust stains, prevention is the best approach. Before doing laundry, run both the hot and cold faucets for a few minutes to flush out iron rust. Avoid overloading the washer. Drain your hot water heater periodically to remove any sediment. If rust in your water is a chronic problem, talk with a professional plumber. You might want to install an iron filter system to remove the iron and rust from your water.

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Selected scripture: Proverbs 18:1-8

Thinking of you, praying for you. Mr. Annie L. Coleman, Mr. Jake Bonneau, Mr. Jimmie Donaldson, Mrs. Mary Jackson, Mrs. Virginia McGowan, Mrs. Gladys Mincey, Mrs. Pearly Mincey, Mr. J.C. Brooks.

Revival Services

Rev. A. R. Williams pastor of Rocky Head MB Church, Elba, and Shiloh Baptist Church (Tarentum Community) Brundidge, AL, was guest evangelist at St. Peter Baptist Church, Sneads, FL, for the week of July 25-29, 1994. Rev. H. Teague is pastor.

Attending the Friday night services from Rocky Head and Shiloh were: Rev. A. R. Williams, Bessie, La'Rey, Breita Chaudy, and Elba, Stephanie Williams, Tereisha Tyson, William Carpenter, Rodney Flowers, Derrick Duncan, Sydney Flournoy, Cathryn Carpenter, Junia Brooks, Wiley Brooks, Roe N'ia, and Dee'Nard Evelyn Guiley, Paul Porter, Marietta Carpenter and Ashley, and Estella Williams. Annie Pearl Carpenter, Wallace and Mattie Belcher, Samuel and Evelyn Flournoy, Grover and Eria Belcher.

Mrs. Ella M. Brooks

Mrs. Ella M. Brooks, Enterprise, AL, was pleasantly surprised on Sunday, July 31, 1994 with a belated birthday dinner hosted by her son, Pearl Carpenter, Wallace and Mattie Belcher, Samuel and Evelyn Flournoy, Grover and Eria Belcher.

On Sunday, July 31, 1994, Mrs. Jackson attended worship services at Springhill Baptist Church of Dozier, AL for the Mulberry District Ministers, Deacons, and Laymen's Union. Rev. Charles Lane, pastor. She is formerly from Elba and she says she is really enjoying her vacation.

Some suggested activities for the day are: photo sessions, family history displays, family movies or tapes, family storytelling (be sure to bring your tape recorder), exchange of family recipes, family photo album display, and family auctions (auction homemade or old family items).

Traditional group activities such as ball games, frisbee and bingo are also good ice breakers to cause the group to become interactive. Games and activities cause a more comfortable, relaxed atmosphere. That's important when people are not well acquainted.

Be sure to bring: camera, tape recorder, video camera, pencils and note pads.

The closing family meeting could be a family circle. The purpose of bringing everyone together a second time is to make announcements. Plans for the next reunion must be discussed. Ending with a song, a family motto, or just hugs is a good way to say farewell.

Vacation Eating

When you're on vacation, all thoughts of eating healthy seem to stay behind at home. In fact, many people gain weight while on vacation. If you're planning a vacation at your work calls for a lot of traveling, here are some suggestions for eating healthy.

Many restaurants offer fast food places offer baked potatoes. The baked potato is ideal because it has most of its nutrients sealed in. It is a great source of complex carbohydrate that's easily converted to energy.

ery. And it contains many B vitamins which are needed for energy production.

Choose fruit, especially citrus fruit. Deep-orange citrus fruits contain a healthy supply of vitamin C and vitamin A. Oranges, tangerines and grapefruit are good sources of fiber and energizing carbohydrate.

An extra plus for choosing fruit is that you can take oranges and tangerines inside a traveling bag and keep them in a hotel room.

If you have a choice, choose whole grain bread or whole grain crackers. They are also a good source of complex carbohydrate.

Out Door Furniture

If you are looking for outdoor furniture, you may have noticed resin furniture. This type of furniture may be just what you are looking for.

Resin is a form of plastic. Most formulas combine polypropylene with other chemicals that make the finished product more flexible, sturdier and better able to withstand the elements.

You can now find resin furniture in colors such as hunter green, gray and black. In fact, with these colors available, you may be able to use the chairs in dorm rooms or play rooms and as spare chairs.

Prices can vary widely. The more expensive versions are thicker and heavier than the less expensive ones.

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

PVT. MELANIE L. MARLES

Army Pvt. Melanie L. Marles has arrived for duty at Johnson Barbers, Fuhr, Germany.

Marles, a postal clerk, is the daughter of Michael E. and Janet L. Ordway of 688 Sprindale Avenue, Enterprise, AL.

Her husband, Doug, is the son of Mary Jackson of Rural Route 1, Elba, AL.

He is a 1989 graduate of Enterprise High School.

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IN THE ESTATE OF WINFORD EARL KIRKLAND, INCAPACITATED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that James E. Thompson, as Conservator of Winford Earl Kirkland, Incapacitated, has filed his Petition in this Court for partial settlement of said conservatorship estate, and that on the 30th day of August, 1994, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., is the day set to hear and determine said petition in the Probate Court of the Coffee County Court-house at Elba.

Anyone having objection to said petition is notified to be and appear before this Court at said time and place if you choose to do so.

ORDERED: This 25th day of July, 1994.

By: **Marlon B. Brunson** Probate Judge

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ESTATE OF AUBREY LEE WALDEN, DECEASED PROBATE COURT

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 28th day of July, 1994, by the Hon. Marlon B. Brunson Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

By: **Carol Linda Walden** 8-4-8-11, 8-18-11c

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE

TO: Mr. John Nelson, 640 Thomas Drive, Elba, Alabama 36323; Ms. Gloria Williams (formerly Gloria Nelson), 9197 Pembroke Oak Grove Road, Oak Grove, Kentucky 47252; and all other interested parties.

Pursuant to authority of Security of Gloria Williams Encarnacion, et al. vs. Gloria Williams Encarnacion, et al. Case No. CV 94-814, the undersigned will sell at public sale before the west door of the Coffee County Court-house in Elba, Alabama, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on Friday, August 12, 1994, the following described property:

One 1974 Parkway 24 foot by 57 foot mobile home. Serial No. 1335.

The terms of said sale will be cash to the highest bidder. The property being sold is the property of John Nelson, et al. Said sale is being made for the purpose of satisfying an indebtedness owed to the Peoples Bank at Elba, Alabama, and for the payment of all expenses of the sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

Done this 29th day of July, 1994.

By: **Peoples Bank** Elba, Alabama 36323

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By: **Carol Linda Walden** 8-4-8-11, 8-18-11c

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Fannie Lou Folmar and husband, William T. Brooks, to Mortgage Investors, Inc., on November 19, 1993, said mortgage being recorded in the Court Book of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, in Volume 117-A, Record of Mortgages, at Page 184-65, the undersigned Mortgage Investors, Inc., as mortgagee, under and by the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Probate Court of Coffee County at Elba, Alabama, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on Friday, August 12, 1994, during the legal hour, the following described real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit: Lot No. 7, Block "B" of Kennedy Estates, a subdivision of the City of Elba, Alabama, according to the plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 80, in the Probate Office of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

Mortgage Investors, Inc., mortgagee

Alan C. Keith
3525 Lorna Ridge Drive, Suite 100
Birmingham, AL 35216
Attorney for Mortgagee

7-21, 28 & 8-4, 1994

ESTATE OF IDELLE Y. WHITMAN, DECEASED PROBATE COURT

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 28th day of July, 1994, by the Hon. Marlon B. Brunson Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

By: **Beale W. Oggs** 8-4-8-11, 8-18-11c

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INVITATION TO BID

The Elba City Board of Education is accepting bids on the following:

A lot or parcel of land containing 4.96 acres, more or less, lying in and being a part of the N1/2 of NE1/4 of Section 7, Township 5 North, Range 20 East, in Coffee County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the point where the Southeast right of way line of the Elba Bypass Road intersects the South line of the NW1/4 of NE1/4 of Section 7, Township 5 North, Range 20 East, and running thence East along the South line of the N1/2 of the NE1/4 of Section 7, Township 5 North, Range 20 East, to the West line of Block A of the Carver Park Subdivision; thence running North along the West line of said Carver Park Subdivision to the Southeast right of way line of the Elba Bypass Road; and thence running in a Southwesterly direction along the Southeast right of way line of said Bypass Road to the point of beginning.

LESS AND EXCEPT, that certain one-half interest in oil, gas and other minerals and mineral rights as was heretofore conveyed by J. D. Smith and Ethel Smith, his wife, to Richard Smith, by Deed dated 7 January 1949, recorded in Deed Book 11-A at Page 513, in the Probate Office at Elba, Alabama.

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Elba City Board of Education, 101 Tiger Drive, Elba, Alabama 36323, until 11:00 A.M., Thursday, August 25th, 1994.

Lot or parcel of land is sold as is and the right is reserved to refuse any and all bids.

By: **CHARLES PEARCE** Superintendent, Elba City Schools

8-4, 8-11, 8-18-11c

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRINCIPALSHIP OPENING

COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Zion Chapel High School

July 26, 1994

Position Responsibilities: Administrative responsibility for grades 7-12

Effective Date: No Later Than August 15, 1994

Application Deadline: August 9, 1994 or until position is filled

Qualifications: Qualifications - Minimum of a Masters Degree, ALABAMA SECONDARY CERTIFICATION in Administration and Supervision, must demonstrate the ability of the Owner and Engineer will be necessary to communicate orally and in writing the abilities to provide instructional leadership, to develop the desired school climate, evaluate and improve staff, and to work with all secondary activities will be determining factors in the selection process. Prior successful secondary administrative experience is strongly desired.

Salary: Upper Forties (dependent on degree and experience)

To Apply: Contact: Clayton P. Bryant, Superintendent, 400 Reddock Hill Road Elba, Alabama 36323 Work: 897-5016

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The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

Each bidder must submit with his bid form, security in the amount, form, and to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

The successful bidder will be required to submit 100% performance and payment bonds.

contractor in the State of Alabama in accordance with provisions of Chapter 8 of Title 34 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, and must submit with his bid satisfactory evidence of his ability to perform the work under the contract.

Lawrence Crowl
Chairman

8-4, 8-11, 8-18-11c

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By: **Charles Emmett** 8-4, 8-11, 8-18-11c

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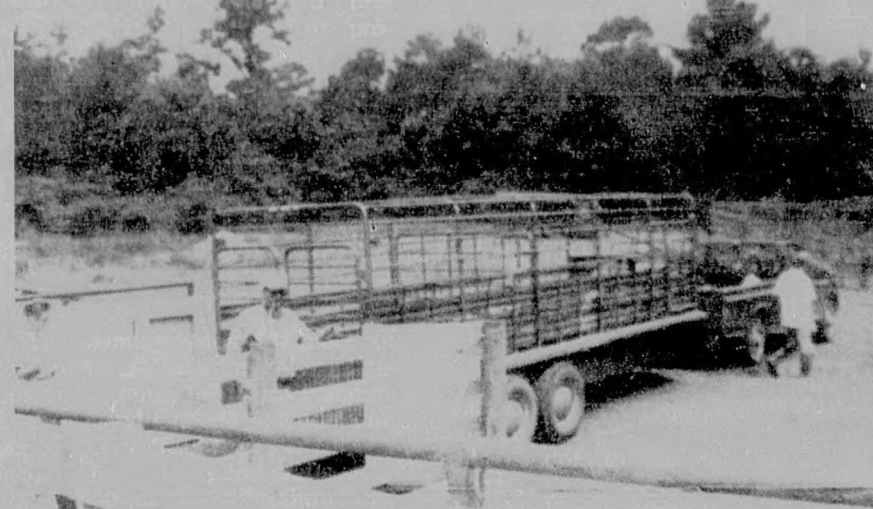


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Elba City Council borrows \$125,000 to fund day-to-day operations

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City Council took a stab Monday night at settling two potentially costly lawsuits, approved borrowing \$125,000 and adopted a paid funeral leave policy for employees.

Following an executive session of one hour and fifteen minutes, the city council approved a motion to settle two wrongful firing lawsuits filed last October against the City of Elba.

A motion was made by council

member Bill Brunson to authorize settlements in accordance with some June 30th correspondence and pay the settlements in installments. No details were released on the settlement offers. Indications were that details would be released once a settlement is finalized.

The vote was three for, one against and one abstaining. Voting for the motion were Brunson, council member Gladys Yelverton and Mayor Ricky Haywood. Opposing was council member Earl McCollough while council member Brad Wilson abstained. Council member John W. Sharpless was out of town.

Following the meeting Wilson explained his position and his reason for not voting on the settlement offer. He said, "I would not vote against the settlement because it was in the best interest of the city and the taxpayers to settle the lawsuits." He continued, "I did not vote for it because the two employees were fired

on the Wednesday before I was sworn into office, therefore none of it was of my doings."

Finalizing any accepted settlement will take at least a week, at best. First a written offer to settle must be sent to attorneys for the two men, exact legal terminology agreed upon by the employees, their attorneys, city officials and their attorneys and the federal judge. Then, and only then, can the fired employees return to work, if that is in fact part of the settlement agreement.

The \$125,000 was borrowed to fund day-to-day operations for the balance of the fiscal year. Bookkeeper Murry Hardwick had told council members last week that he would need almost \$100,000 to pay current invoices.

Haywood reminded council members they had also been told there wouldn't be enough money to make payroll this week without some borrowed money.

Item eight on the printed city council agenda called for approval of borrowing \$200,000. However, Haywood said he felt the lesser amount would be enough.

The mayor reported he had contacted both local banks and had received identical offers of five percent interest on a six month note. He said however that SouthTrust needed several days to process the loan and review accounting figures from the city's auditors while The Peoples Bank would make the funds available immediately.

Haywood recommended the council approve borrowing \$125,000 from The Peoples Bank for six months at the five percent interest. He said, "In order for the city to operate, we're going to have to borrow the money."

No decision was made on how the money would be repaid. The mayor noted the new sales tax wasn't going to retire this debt, it was needed for operations. He suggested re-establishing a city court to handle traffic violations and other misdemeanors. The mayor explained that since the District Attorney's office stopped handling these cases for

the city, the cost was up sharply. He said a city court would make money for Elba.

Council member Earl McCollough reported to the council with a recommended paid funeral leave policy which was accepted. This will be in addition to annual or sick leave.

A three day funeral leave is available upon the death of a member of the immediate family. Verification must be provided upon request. This leave "may be taken any time after the death and up to and including one calendar day past the day of the funeral."

A one day funeral leave is available (on the day of the funeral) upon the death of a grandchild, grandparent or spouse's grandparent, brother-in-law or sister-in-law. This is only if the funeral is "on the employee's regularly scheduled work day."

City Attorney Mark Vaughan reported on a land line question at the new Elba landfill, off the Samson Highway. Flack-Haney had purchased the timber on the property and a question of the land line arose with adjoining property owners.

Vaughan said his firm had certified the property lines in the 1960's

for the Mulberry Association and again when the city purchased the land. He said the same description was used when the timber was sold.

Vaughan said an old fence was not on the property line. He explained that "adverse possession" does not apply to governments or to charities, therefore the "line is the line." The attorney advised city officials to allow the timber company to cut the trees and not refund their money.

Monthly bills totaling \$21,825.71 were approved for payment. Assistant Police Chief Maxwell Hooks gave the police report. He told of the department receiving 26 complaints and issuing 17 traffic citations.

The three traffic citations included three for parking in a handicapped zone. Haywood asked Hooks to instruct the officers issuing these citations to follow up in the courts and report back to the council. He noted that if the courts were not convicting these violators, there was no need to ticket them.

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Rotary's District Governor visits local Club

Ken Washburn, District Governor of Rotary District 6580, visited Elba Rotary Club on August 2, 1994 to assist with their club, district and international activities.

A member of the Ozark Rotary Club since 1960, Washburn has served as director, treasurer, vice-president and president of the Ozark Club.

The District Governor is a pharmacist by profession having practiced since 1952, upon his graduation from Alabama Polytechnic, now Auburn University.

His primary interests lie in the



PLANNING SESSION...Pictured above are (l-r): Ralph Bradley, Tim Johnson, Ken Washburn, and Kenneth Calhoun.

NEWS BRIEF

A special session of the Coffee County Enterprise Division Grand Jury met Tuesday, August 9, 1994, and handed down the following indictments:

- (1) Robert Earl Council, age 30, 614 W. Adams St., Enterprise, AL; Charged with Capital Murder.
- (2) Larry Junior Brooks, age 32, 600 W. Adams St., Enterprise, AL; Charged with Capital Murder.
- (3) Willie L. Adams, age 21, 512 W. Hildreth St., Enterprise, AL; Charged with Capital Murder.
- (4) Dale Edward Green, age 38, 610 W. Adams St., Enterprise, AL; Charged with Capital Murder.

All four men were charged in the shooting death of Ronald Talmadge Henderson, age 30, of Route 2, Enterprise, AL.

The murder allegedly occurred in Enterprise on Sunday, July 17.

Capital murder carries a penalty of death or life in prison without the possibility of parole.

field of school boards. The District Governor was appointed to the Ozark City School Board in 1974 and has served as its chairman four terms.

Washburn was elected as a director of the Alabama Association of School Boards in 1988, first vice-president for the year 1992-93. Currently, he is serving as president of the Alabama Association of School Boards.

The District governor has targeted for the South Alabama district 6580 the following goals:

- 1) A contribution of \$40 per member for each club in the district to the Rotary Foundation.
- 2) A growth in Rotary membership of one member for every 25 members in the club.
- 3) The addition of 4 Interact Clubs in the district.
- 4) Each club is targeted as a recipient on a Presidential Citation.

Rotary Clubs in District 6580 are involved in many community service activities. The Elba Rotary Club is active in an annual Christmas Sale to benefit local charities, Chins-Up Camp, and sponsor of Elba High School's Interact Club.

This year's local Rotary Club officers are: Tim Johnson, president; Kenneth Calhoun, president-elect; and Ralph Bradley, secretary & treasurer.

HAPPENINGS

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION. Elba Elementary School will have kindergarten orientation Friday, August 19, from 3 to 4 p.m. at the elementary school. All kindergarten students and parents should attend. They will meet the kindergarten teachers, go to their classrooms, and receive information about the opening week of school. Parents are encouraged to bring their child's kindergarten supplies and money for lunch and juice. This will make the first day of school easier for the kindergarten students, parents, and teachers.

SCHOOL DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN. Coffee County Schools (Zion Chapel, New Brockton, & Kinston) will begin classes on Tuesday, August 16, with a full day of classes. Buses will run and lunches will be served. Teachers and support personnel will report to work on Monday, August 15th. Elba City Schools will begin classes on Monday, August 22, 1994. Teachers and support personnel will report to work on Thursday & Friday, Aug. 18 & 19.

It may not be the Hoover Dam, but to the two men working to restore the Elba Dam, it is just as important.

Ben Ammons and Jesse Blenn are fulfilling a dream as well as rising to the challenge of once again having the Pea River generate electrical power.

In 1966, the power house at the Elba Dam, located on the Pea River just south of Elba, was "taken off line" and no longer fed power into transmission lines.

According to records acquired by Blenn during his research, construction of the dam began 1916. The dam actually began generating power in the mid 1920's.

The dam was constructed during Charles Henderson's term as Governor of the State of Alabama.

After its completion, it was operated by Pea River Power company and supplied electrical power to Elba, Troy, and the surrounding area.

The operation of the dam was later taken over by Alabama Electric which wholesaled power to local towns and cooperatives. No exact date of the transfer of ownership was known by Ammons or Blenn.

The dam continued to generate power until the mid-sixties, at which time AEC determined it was no longer economically feasible to maintain the dam.

At some point after the dam was shut down, the ownership was transferred to the City of Elba. Several ideas were considered by city officials on how to develop the property but nothing was ever done.

In 1992, Ben Ammons negotiated a deal to purchase the dam from the City of Elba.

Mr. Ammons, a native of North Carolina, has always been interested in power dams. After his retirement, he actively pursued his interest.

For twenty-five years, Ammons was a commercial pilot for Eastern Airlines. In fact, he flew the last plane to fly for Eastern back to Atlanta on its final flight.

In his search for a "small" dam to restore, he followed several leads in North Carolina but none were successful. The state has several dams similar to the one in Elba.

During his quest for a dam, he remembered the dam on the Pea River. He had seen the dam while flying as a crop duster pilot in this area during the 60's.

He contacted a long-time friend

in Coffee County, James Farris, who told him that the Elba Dam had been closed and possibly was available.

Ammons said, "I knew that James knew a lot of people in Coffee County and he would know or could find out what I wanted to know."

Ammons made contact with city officials and made his deal. He had a dam!

To assist him in his work, Ammons contacted Blenn and the two men began the task of bringing the "old dam" to life.

Blenn had had some experience in restoring dams such as the one in Elba. He did this type work in Latin America for about 10 years.

Neither of the men have engineering degrees but they do have an

abundance of practical experience and more than enough desire.

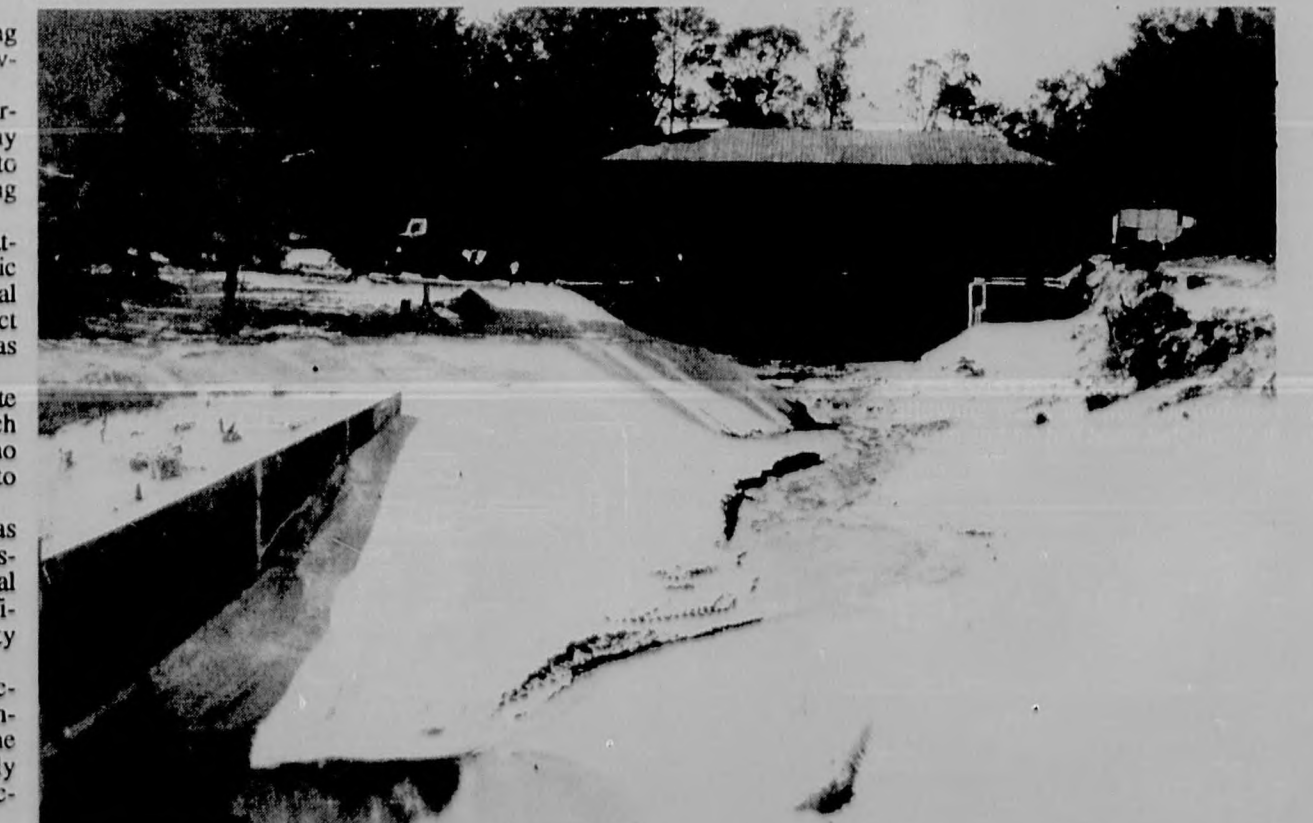
"Much of the work, since undertaking the restoration of the dam, has been tearing out," said Ammons.

"We knew from the beginning that it was going to be a long, slow process and lots of hard work."

Much of the work has been in locating parts with which to repair the generators. For the most part, old generators which will be compatible with this type operation, have had to be located. They in-turn have had to be rebuilt.

Originally, the dam housed three

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POWERHOUSE AT THE ELBA DAM...The recent flood waters in July washed sand back into the once cleared canal that channeled water from the Pea River into the turbine inlets located in the powerhouse.